THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Five staff (two Assistant Station Masters and 3 Section Controllers/Deputy Section Controllers) have been held responsible.

(b) Penalty imposed on the staff includes recorded warning and withholding of annual increments.

(c) All concerned have been counselled properly to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future.

Relief to the Commutors of Mumbai Metro

1986. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what new measures have been taken to provide relief to commuters of Mumbai Metro for easing congestion;

(b) whether some new railway tracks in Mumbai for local trains are planned to be laid; and

(c) if so, detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with Government of Maharashtra for participation in the rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project-II (MUTP-II) under a 50:50 funding arrangement. A joint venture-Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) is being set up under a 51:49 funding arrangement between the Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra.

The Functions of MRVC will be:

1. Develop co-ordinated plans for the rail component to be included in MUTP-II and other planned investments in Mumbai Rail services and execute the resulting infrastructure projects.
2. Integrate urban development plans for the Mumbai metropolitan region with rail capacity plans and proposed investment.
3. Co-ordinate and ensure improvement of track drainage and the removal of encroachment of track drainage and the removal of encroachments and trespassers from the Railway's right-of-way and station approaches.
4. Execute specific projects for the commercial development of the Railways land and apportion the net income in the ratio of 1:1:1 for Railways projects in Mumbai area, Maharashtra and elsewhere in the country respectively.

Discussions are under way with the World Bank for funding the projects to be taken up under MUTP-II.

(b) and (c) The following track works have been identified to be taken up subject to availability of funds, under MTP Plan Head:—

(1) 6th line Borivali-Santacruz

(2) Bandra-Kurla East West Line

(3) 5th line Kurla-Dadar-Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus,

In addition to above, the details of the following projects which are already sanctioned and under different stages of progress in Mumbai & Navi Mumbai are as follows:—

	Anticipated cost (crores of Rs.)
(1)5th line between Santacruz and Borivali	64.17

(2)Quadrupling of line between Borivali-Virar		401.66
(3)Additional pair of line between Kurla-Bhandup Phase-I		49.84
(4)Addl. Pair of line between Bhandup-Thane Phase-II		58.30
(5)Thana Turbe Neural/ Vashi part of corridoor No. 2 in Navi Mumbai.	Rly.	131.47
	CIDCO	271.92
	Total	403.39
(6)Belapur-Panvel double line including material Modification.	Rly.	92.50
	CIDCO	187.81
	Total	280.31
(7)Seawood Uran electrified line	Rly.	163.49
	CIDCO	331.95
	Total	495.44

Canteens/hotels run by Northern Railway

1987. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway canteens and hotels run by Northern Railway, separately;

(b) the difference between railway canteen and hotel run by Northern Railway;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more railway canteens/hotels under Northern Railway;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of facilities extended in railway canteens and hotels, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) On Northern Railway there is only one Hotel run under the name "Rail Yatri Niwas" at New Delhi and there are 51 Refreshment Rooms (canteens) out of which 40 are run by private licencees and 11 by Railway department. The refreshment rooms provide services of meals to the travelling passengers whereas the Hotal runs under the name "Rail Yatri Niwas" provides both boarding and lodging to the bonafides railway passengers.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has been decided to construct Rail Yatri Niwas at Allahabd on Northern Railway.

(e) Whereas the refreshment rooms (canteens) provide a variety of meals and hot/cold beverages to the travelling passengers, the Railway Hotel runs under the name "Rail Yatri Niwas" provides both boardig and lodging to the bonafide railway passengers.

Grades of Railways' waiters and khalasis

1988. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nature of work attended by Waiters and Khalasis in canteens of Northern Railway is different;

(b) whether the Waiters and Khalasis are given equal grades of pay, whiile the nature of work is different; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The waiters serve the food items to the passengers whereas the Khalasis perform other work such as taking out raw material from stores to kitchen, cutting of vegetables, help the cooks in preparation of food and lifting crockery and utensils etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The pay scales allotted to various categories of staff in the Railways are

13—295 GIPMR/99.